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Port Richmond, S. I. July 27
Mr. Hallock Card
Dear Sir:

June chronicle, 1948, No. 19 to hand.

Splits and Other Defects by Warren Travell. I agree with him whole heartedly on his article. I received a card from Mrs. Travell mailed May 27, 1948 notifying me of his illness, am glad to hear he is on the mend.

(Re) Letter to the Members, (by yourself) everything seems o. k. except the notifying of members that subscription has lapsed. If all members would take their membership card and use four ace corners on same and put it on inside cover of their album it would always be in sight.

(Re) Quality in Perfins by Carl Pomeroy. Have read and reread his article and boy he sure is a stickler. I, myself am after good clean cut perfins and not smudgy ones, but

if I were to discard those with pink and red markings on the back I would remove about 200 of my best perfins from my collection. of over 2500 different designs. The 2c red stamps rom 1908 to 1920 are all flat plate printings on which a somewhat slow drying penetrating ink was used. As the sheets came off the press and piled up the ink had a habit of making partial offsets on the back of the sheet underneath. These offsets and penetrations and slight discoloration due to soaking make the stamp backs a little discolored. Now where in Gods wide world would you get clean back replacements? Kindly warn the members to be very careful on this discard business. I surely would myself like to replace my tinted stamps with white backs but am very much afraid that it would take several hundred years to accomplish this change.

Yours very truly
Ferdinand F. Persans